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Dear Ms. Augustus

I trust this letter finds you well. On behalf of the National Urban League, I am delighted to extend an invitation for you to join us as a distinguished **moderator** at our **Energy Jobs Convening** for a panel entitled **Funding the Future: Unlocking Capital for Entrepreneurs in the Clean Energy Economy,** which will be live and in person on **Wednesday, May 14, 2025, from 11:00am to 12:30pm EST** at the Westin DC Downtown Hotel in Washington, DC.

The Empowerment Summit, featuring the Energy Jobs Convening and Legislative Policy Conference (LPC), taking place this year from May 14-16, is the National Urban League's policy summit– bringing together members of Congress, senior government officials, business leaders, scholars, and community advocates from across the country. Through various tracks, leaders, organizers, and partners will discuss the policy issues impacting African Americans and other people of color.

During this year's LPC, we are hosting a panel discussion on the topic of **Funding the Future: Unlocking Capital for Entrepreneurs in the Clean Energy Economy**. As the clean energy economy continues to grow, it presents significant opportunities for small businesses, particularly minority-owned and women-owned enterprises, to innovate, expand, and thrive. However, systemic barriers to accessing capital persist, limiting participation in this high-grown sector. This session will explore solutions to bridge the funding gap, highlighting available financing opportunities, and strategies to break into and scale within the clean energy sector. Attendees will leave with actionable knowledge on navigating the clean energy landscape and securing the resources needed to succeed.

We hope that you will consider accepting our invitation to join the panel and share your invaluable insights on this critical topic. Kindly confirm your availability at your earliest convenience by completing this form: **bit.ly/2025EmpowermentSpeaker** by **Thursday, April 17th**. If you have any questions, please reach out to the Empowerment Summit team at empowermentsummit@nul.org

We eagerly anticipate the opportunity to collaborate with you and benefit from your valuable contributions to this critical conversation.

Sincerely,

Marc H. Morial
President and Chief Executive Officer
National Urban League